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"Aggressive fighting for the right is the noblest sport the world affords." – Theodore Roosevelt

Forget Barry What's-His-Name – COE Hits One Out of the Park on NCATE

The NCATE/ISBE accreditation team arrived Saturday and immediately began the review of programs in the College of Education, and in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Health Professions. In the exit interview on Wednesday, October 9, the team co-chairs said they found **the College of Education met every standard with no weaknesses**. The ISBE co-chair said the state has never before received a team report in which no areas of weaknesses were identified. The visitors also cited the universal passion and enthusiasm of GSU professors for their profession and their students. The accrediting bodies will formally vote on whether to grant accreditation in Spring, 2003. "I've been deluged with questions about when we'll get this great news out," said Chuck Connolly, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications. "It all depends on when the accrediting bodies give us the go-ahead to say something. We're checking with them right now. I'd love to get out the word tomorrow, just like everyone else. But we may have to wait until spring. Whenever we get the green light, I want to make a bigger splash than the news about Madonna's baby."

We Realize the Dream

At Convocation on October 9, President Stuart Fagan, Provost Paul Keys, and the presidents of the senates spelled out plans for GSU's future.

Dr. Fagan promised to put implementation of the strategic plan on a fast track. He named five priorities:

1. Establish a graduate studies council headed by a faculty associate. The council will work to improve the quality of graduate studies and support faculty seeking grants. It will be operational by the start of the winter trimester.
2. Modify advising procedures, effective with the Winter Trimester.
3. Begin the process to reallocate resources to programs with high potential for service or growth, which the colleges have identified. Fagan said changes could come as early as Fall Trimester, 2003.
4. Have the new website up and running for the Fall Trimester, 2003.

5. Establish the process to increase significantly the funding for faculty scholarship from grants and other sources. As an example, Fagan said he would suggest to the GSU Foundation that it adopt faculty research as one of its fundraising objectives.
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Plans to Secure Funding for Faculty Research and Scholarship

Provost Paul Keys said increasing funding for faculty scholarship and research is his top priority. Beginning this trimester, the Provost's Office will hold workshops for faculty on securing federal research grants and contracts. The university will also analyze the federal budget, to be released in January 2003, and identify opportunities for grants, appropriations and earmarks to support faculty scholarship and research. GSU's Washington consultant will work with the university and faculty on some of the opportunities that are identified. Dr. Keys indicated other plans are in the works.

Look in Our Own Back Yard for Big Ideas

Both Fagan and Keys called for big ideas that can transform the university. Keys noted that GSU is located in the most economically and racially diverse region in the state, if not the nation. Among other things, he suggested a conference or a call for papers on various issues in the region. Dr. Keys said GSU can place itself in the same category with Harvard, the University of Michigan, and other institutions that have mined the issues they found in their own back yard.

Raising the GSU Profile

GSU is gearing up for a major communication program to inform legislators in Springfield about the unique nature of the university and the contributions it makes to the region and the state. As part of the plan, trustees, directors of the GSU Foundation and the Center for the Performing Arts, faculty, staff, and students, will be asked to contact legislators to help tell the GSU story. In addition, the university, in cooperation with the faculty, will offer legislators expertise on their specific interests, including education, economic development, environmental protection, domestic violence, healthcare, poverty, and support for the handicapped. The program will be presented to the President's Cabinet, Dean's Council, and Administrative Group over the next two weeks. To build a data base, questionnaires will be distributed to the GSU community by the first week of November. GSU will begin contacting legislators by mid-November. "This isn't a lobbying program," said President Stuart Fagan. "This is all about raising GSU's profile and expanding our contribution to the state." Contact Michael Wortham, ext. 4119, or Chuck Connolly, ext. 4059, with any comments or suggestions.

Reyes Receives Distinguished Service Award

Jose Reyes received the Dr. Gerald C. Baysore Distinguished Service Award at convocation. Reyes is the director of Project Hope. The program provides education and cultural enrichment services to local Latino youth. More than 700 youth have participated in the program since it was established in 1995.

Provost Forum October 23

The next Provost Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, Student Commons, from 1 – 3 p.m. Use it as opportunity to get specifics on the Provost's plans.